

**Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council**  
**Planning Committee Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Dutchess County Planning Department, 27 High Street (2nd Floor), Poughkeepsie, NY

**Meeting Summary**

**1. Introductions** – See attached list.

**2. Announcements**

Mark Debald (PDCTC) thanked everyone for their participation at the March Transportation Council meeting. He noted that both USDOT and NYSDOT were notified that the PDCTC approved a new MTP.

Mark noted that Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is sponsoring a Pattern Infrastructure Conference on Friday, May 20, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. For more information, please see the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress website: <http://www.pattern-for-progress.org/>

He also announced that the FHWA issued a final rule in March to establish performance measures for State DOTs to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and to assess data associated with the number of motor vehicle crash-related serious injuries and fatalities; the number of serious injuries and fatalities of non-motorized users; and serious injuries and fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The rule was issued in accordance with MAP-21 and the FAST Act.

Mark added that the FHWA also issued a Proposed Rulemaking in April to assess the performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and the CMAQ Program. Highlights include:

- Within one year of the effective date of the rule, all State DOTs establish their targets where their respective geographic boundary contains portions of the transportation network or project that are applicable to the measure. State DOTs would report their target(s) to FHWA within 30 days of establishment. For each measure area, State DOTs would be required to coordinate with relevant MPOs on the selection of targets to ensure consistency to the maximum extent practicable.
- MPOs would have 180 days from when the State DOT establishes a target to establish a corresponding target within their metropolitan planning area (MPA). MPOs would establish targets by either agreeing to support the Statewide target or establishing a quantifiable target specific to the applicable area.

Mark stated that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reported that a record low 8.49 million teenaged licensed drivers in the U.S.; including 1.08 million who were 16 or younger in 2014.

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) informed the Committee that the month of May is Bike Month. She encouraged municipalities to participate in Bike to Work Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the Planning Department will be celebrating Bike to Work Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Weiner added that no awards have been announced for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); he expects awards to be announced soon. He added that solicitations for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), now renamed the Surface Transportation Block Grant set-aside, and the Beyond Preservation (BP) program will be held later this year.

Joe Mangi (DCPT) announced that FTA Section 5312 will distribute \$8 million nationally to mobility demonstration projects.

Mark Figliozzi (Town of Pleasant Valley) stated that the signal timing to turn onto West Rd. from Route 44 needs to be adjusted; currently, traffic backs up on Route 44 because the right turn arrow signal is not being triggered. Tom (NYSDOT) will investigate.

3. **Public Participation** – Anesta Vannoy-Kwame (NAACP) informed the committee that the pedestrian crossing the Route 9/Route 52 intersection in the Village of Fishkill has been fixed.

#### 4. **FFY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mark (PDCTC) reminded project sponsors to review their 2016 projects and let PDCTC staff know of any needed changes to costs in conjunction with the close-out of the Federal Fiscal Year this summer. Some changes may require Council approval, so PDCTC staff need to know any changes soon in order to hold public comment period and prepare resolutions/briefing packet for the June Council meeting.

Mark noted that the City of Poughkeepsie is seeking an offset for a cost increase to the Creek Rd./Smith/Little George St. roundabout project (PIN 875782). The current TIP has \$1.16 million programmed for the project, but a recent cost estimate now puts the total needed at \$1.79 million. An increase of this magnitude (\$630,000) will require an Amendment (i.e. Transportation Council approval) and a 15-day public comment period. Approval would occur through a mail ballot or at our Transportation Council meeting in late June.

#### 5. **Draft FFY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mark (PDCTC) explained that the TIP serves as the PDCTC's five-year capital program of federally funded projects in Dutchess County. It includes highway, bridge,

pedestrian/bicycle, and transit projects. The TIP also shows the estimated total project cost and amount of federal funds proposed to be obligated during each program year for the project or phase. Listings also identify the agency responsible for carrying out the project. Though the TIP focuses on the programming of federal funds, it also includes State-funded transportation projects to provide a more complete picture of transportation improvements in the area.

A First Draft of the FFY 2017-2021 TIP was posted onto the [PDCTC website](#) and a link sent with the Planning Committee meeting notice. He encouraged Committee members to review the draft and inform PDCTC of any questions or comments. The TIP follows the basic format used in 2013 for the 2014-2018 TIP, with slightly lower funding targets and program name changes.

Mark added that this is assuming that projects scheduled for construction in 2016 will be completed in 2016; this includes two DPW bridge projects (PIN 875591-Bridge C-19 & 875726-Bridge RH-25), and the City of Poughkeepsie's Little George/Creek/Smith Rd. roundabout (PIN 875782). He added that not counting HPP, SRTS, or TAP projects, there are 12 local projects on the 2017-2021 TIP (6 DPW, 4 City of Poughkeepsie, and 2 City of Beacon). There are three NYSDOT projects that were programmed on the 2014-2018 TIP, but were withdrawn from the 2017-2021 TIP in order to meet fiscal constraint:

- PIN 801065: Route 9 Pedestrian Bridge over the Wappinger Creek in the Town of Poughkeepsie and Village of Wappingers Falls (\$4.36 million).
- PIN 801445: Route 82/CR 31 (Palen Rd.) Intersection Realignment in the Town of East Fishkill (\$2.89 million).
- PIN 839139: Route 55/Gardiner Hollow Rd. resurfacing in the Town of Beekman (\$0.451 million).

Mark noted that the [PDCTC TIP Viewer](#) will be updated in conjunction with the new TIP, and a link will be sent to Committee members. Mark stated that PDCTC approval is expected to occur in late June 2016; the Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Planning Department. Also, a 30-day public comment period will start in mid-May, which will include one public meeting (late-May or early-June).

## **6. FFY 2016 FTA Section 5307 and 5339 Funding**

Mark (PDCTC) announced that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocates funding to urbanized areas. Based on census data, the Poughkeepsie Newburgh urbanized area includes Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange Counties in New York and Passaic County in New Jersey. Mark presented the draft FFY 2016 allocation schedule for both the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program and the 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program (including the PDCTC sub-allocations to Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie.). All three MPOs must agree upon these allocations, which will be included in a variety of resolutions at our next Council meeting.

## 7. Project Updates

Mark (PDCTC) announced that training associated with the Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) – Cornell Asset Management Program (CAMP) will occur June 1-2 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and DCDPW will be participating. Bob Balkind (DCDPW) noted that interviews for this program will be conducted during the second week of May.

Emily Dozier (PDCTC) stated that fieldwork began last week on inventorying existing sidewalk conditions and capturing associated data for the Arlington Pedestrian Study in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Emily also noted that the PDCTC 2016 Traffic Count Program began on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; if any municipalities have questions or issues related to traffic counts in their area, please contact PDCTC staff.

Mark informed the Committee that the project consultant for the [Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan \(CMP\)](#), VHB Engineering, has completed a draft of Tech Memo #5 (Recommendations). A Study Advisory Committee meeting will be held May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Red Hook Town Hall. Also scheduled are two public workshop for Wed., May 11<sup>th</sup> and Thur., May 12<sup>th</sup> to gather feedback on the draft recommendations; these recommendations aim to improve transportation safety and access on NYS Route 9G in the Red Hook/Tivoli area, CR 78 (Broadway) through Tivoli, and CR 103 (Annandale Rd) through Bard College. The two workshops will have the same format and material and will be held at different locations and times to accommodate residents' schedules:

1. Wed., May 11th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Bard College (Bertelsmann Campus Center), Annandale Road (parking off North Ravine Road), Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504.
2. Thur., May 12th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Tivoli Village Hall, 86 Broadway, Tivoli, NY 12583.

**8. Public Participation** – Mark opened the meeting for public comment or general announcements; none were received.

## 9. Upcoming Meetings:

- **TIP Public Information Meeting:** Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Dutchess County Planning Department (27 High St – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Poughkeepsie).
- **Council Meeting:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Planning Department (27 High St – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Poughkeepsie).

Attendance List

	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Phone
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3	Shelby	Tompkins	PDCTC	845-486-3600
4	Ray	Oberly	Town of Clinton	845-266-5721
5	Tom	Weiner	NYSDOT	845-431-5723
6	Don	Beer	Town of Poughkeepsie	845-790-4736
7	Bob	Balkind	DCDPW	845-486-2925
8	Larry	Cohen	Town of Fishkill	845-831-7800
9	Emily	Svenson	Town of Hyde Park	845-489-2286
10	Mark	Figliozi	Town of Pleasant Valley	845-635-3598
11	Anesta	Vannoy-Kwame	SDNAACP	845-234-9023
12	Wanda	Livigni	Town of LaGrange	845-452-8562
13	Joe	Chenier	City of Poughkeepsie	845-451-4215
14	Marleen	Stein	MTA	212-878-7080
15	Leah	Mosall	MTA Planning (by phone)	212-878-4605
16	Joseph	Mangi	DCPT	845-473-8645
17	Randy	Casale	City of Beacon	845-838-5011